



CONSTITUTION MODERATE

Witte Urges Emperor to Grant Reforms.

RE-ASSURE LIBERALS

Show Them That Present War Against "Reds" Means Not Reaction.

WOULD BE A MASTER STROKE

Premier is Understood to Have Told the Emperor That to Grant Moderate Constitution Would Rally Liberals and Conservatives to Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—It is learned on high authority that Premier Witte is again strongly urging the emperor to immediately promulgate a moderate constitution and reassure the liberals that the present war against the "Reds" does not mean reaction and to block the attempt which certainly will be made when the national assembly convenes, to transform that body into a constituent assembly. The plan has heavy backing and the emperor is showing an inclination to accept it. The premier is understood to have informed the emperor that such an act would be a master stroke and might rally the whole body of conservatives, and liberals to the side of the government.

At Warsaw the police today discovered in a flat occupied by Jews several bombs, and a quantity of explosives and revolvers. The police closed the street and made a search of all the houses in it. Many arrests followed. Notices are posted summoning the people to assemble for a massacre of the Jews who are accused of provoking the strikes and disturbances and bringing distress to the workmen.

Witte received a message from Governor-General Sollogub of the Baltic provinces announcing his arrival at Riga Sunday. The general says Bandt troops occupy the KKreutzburg Remerschoff railroad. Many arms were confiscated and there have been many arrests. A detachment under General Meynhardt will commence operations tomorrow north of Tockmannshof. General Orloff is undertaking an expedition to the suburbs of Walek.

At Saratoff the Cossacks today dispersed a meeting of workmen. Four were killed and thirty injured.

At Bakhmut a large number of revolutionaries made an attack on the barracks yesterday. Three companies of infantry and a squadron of cavalry engaged them in a veritable battle lasting from eight in the morning to four in the afternoon. At noon a company of Cossacks arrived and the insurgents were placed between two fires, with the result that they suffered much. It is stated that 300 workmen were killed, 500 troops had 3 killed and 7 wounded, Antoine, Bishop of Nara, advocates

the separation of church and state, declaring the effects of the church withering, because the priests are compelled to teach the people to venerate God and the emperor as the same being.

A dispatch from Tukum says the local authorities have taken photographs of the mutilated bodies of the dragoons killed here, and at Talsen and distributed them among the troops.

MULTNOMAH BEATEN.

Seattle Athletic Club Scores Six Points Against "Winged M."

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—Cole, the Seattle quarterback, undoubtedly won the game of football today in the best exhibition of football ever seen in this city this season, for his team, by a 41-yard run to a touchdown. The goal was kicked by Dr. Roller, making the score Seattle 6, Multnomah Athletic Club, 0.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

Passenger Train Crashes Into the Rear of Freight.

HELENA, Jan. 1.—A special to the Record from Glasgow says the Great Northern's east-bound flyer crashed into the rear of a stalled freight a few miles east of here at midnight. The caboose and four freight cars were burned. The engineer and a passenger were badly burned. The passengers were severely shaken up, but none of them injured, however. The freight train sent a flagman to signal the passenger, but the signal was unheeded.

NEGROS CELEBRATE

Emancipation Proclamation is Strenuously Commemorated.

PARADE SAVANNAH STREETS

Thousands of Negroes Marched Down Streets Amid the Greatest Disorders—Several White Persons Are Assaulted for "Butting In" On the Parade.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 1.—Thousands of negroes paraded today in honor of the signing of the emancipation proclamation. The parade was marked by the greatest disorders. Captain McBride, formerly of the United States army, attempted to cross the line and was severely beaten. A street car conductor endeavored to run his car through the line and was painfully hurt and forced to leave the car. A photographer attempted to take a picture of the parade was run off by the negroes who objected to his taking the picture.

REPORT DENIED.

No Confirmation That McCall Has Resigned From New York Life.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The report that John A. McCall resigned the presidency of the New York Life at a meeting of the trustees last Saturday, today is denied.

The Times tomorrow will say that although neither McCall nor any member of his family will discuss the matter, a positive confirmation was obtained that McCall has resigned. With it came the information that McCall has already turned over to the company a check for \$235,000 to cover moneys Andrew Hamilton received in 1904 and which are unaccounted for. It is learned that Alexander L. Orr will probably succeed McCall.

PRINTERS STRIKE FOR THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—For the first time since the organization of the International Typographical Union, a general strike will go into effect tomorrow in every shop in the United States and Canada, where employers refuse the eight-hour day. Out of 6000 members of Union No. 6, in New York, it is estimated that less than 900 will be obliged to strike tomorrow. The Typographical Union has established a temporary home for 700 non-union printers, where lodging and meals will be provided. The union officials said today that many of the New York firms had agreed to the eight-hour day.

ASSASSIN THOUGHT TO BE CAPTURED

IDAHO OFFICERS ARREST SUSPICIOUS PERSON

Piece of Fishline Similar to Pieces Found Where Explosion Occured are Discovered in Man's Room Also White Powder.

MAN'S ACTIONS BEFORE THE CRIME WERE VERY SUSPICIOUS

In Grip Found in Suspected Man's Room Detectives Discover Many Things of Suspicious Nature—Officers Believe He Carefully Laid His Plans for Crime and Then Expected to Escape Suspicion by Remaining in Town Until Convenient Opportunity Presented Itself to Escape.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 1.—The officers believe they have one of the men responsible for the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg. He is one of those under suspicion. The man registered at the Saratoga Hotel three weeks ago as M. J. Hogan, giving Denver as his address. A year ago he stopped at the Pacific Hotel registering there as Thomas Hogan. A search of his room resulted in finding an old overcoat and some rough clothes, also some fish line, similar to pieces found where the explosion occurred and it is supposed is part of the string by which the trigger of the infernal machine was discharged. In the grip was a lot of white powder believed to be a high explosive and something which looked like brown wrapping paper, but which will not burn. The contents of the grip is in the hands of chemists. It is stated that Angus Sutherland, a former sheriff of Shoshone county has recognized the man as one of those in the famous "bull pen." This story is not yet confirmed, nor another that Sutherland has the man's right name. Hogan has been a mysterious character. He often went out, always giving some explanation for his absence. One time he said he went to look at some land; but it was known he never left town. The officers believe he was carefully laying his plans for the crime and expected to escape suspicion by remaining at the hotel until a convenient opportunity should present itself to escape. The funeral will be tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The services are to be conducted by Rev. W. J. Boone, president of Idaho College, the Presbyterian minister. W. E. Borah will deliver the address. Will Make Inquiry. DENVER, Jan. 1.—An inquiry into the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg will be conducted by the Western Federation of Miners, said President Meyer of the organization today. He added this would be done not alone to prepare against any charges which may be brought against the federation, but that it may be ascertained whether any member of the organization committed the crime. No one, he said, was more sorry for it's perpetration than the officers of the federation.

SECRET AGREEMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph states that the only secret agreement between China and Japan is a definite agreement that China will never allow any other power to establish itself or interfere in railroad building to Mukden, Siumintin, Kirin, and Changchun.

GIRL ATTACKED BY MAN KILLS IN SELF-DEFENSE

Oklahoma City Merchant Forces Entrance to Room of Young Woman and is Shot.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 1.—Miss Barbara Toxer, today shot and killed F. C. Clayton, a business man of this city. The woman asserts that Clayton attempted to assault her, and that she shot in self-defense. The shooting occurred in the woman's room, where the deceased is alleged to have forced an entrance. The woman is about 25 years old and the man was about 35. The woman is under arrest, pending an investigation by the coroner.

ELIZA WAS CRAZY.

Kills Her Sister and Then Turns Gun on Herself.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 1.—A murder and suicide that probably took place Saturday in a farmhouse near East Springfield was reported today. The county detective, after investigating, believes Eliza Mansell, aged 75, shot her sister a couple of years younger, and turned the gun on herself. Poverty it is thought unbalanced Eliza's mind.

FIGHT FOR RIGHTS.

Russian Jews Will Fight For Civic Liberty.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—In spite of the New Year holiday some of the sections of the American Association, for the Advancement of Science continued their sessions today. Dr. I. M. Rubino, of Washington, described the economic and social position of the Jews in Russia. Referring to the result of the work of the Bund organized to ameliorate the condition of the working Jews and the fact that it has made the suffering and defenseless Jew an enthusiastic fighter for civic liberty and an enthusiastic labor union man, Dr. Dubino said:

"These important changes have a significant bearing on the question of Jewish immigration. The Russian Jew had determined to fight for his rights in his own country, and is sure of accomplishing his purpose in the near future, and the victory will greatly diminish, if not altogether stop, the Jewish immigration to the United States. In the immediate future however, due to the awful events in the southern cities, the current of immigration will continue unabated for some time."

HAS GOOD TIME.

Bryan Received in Great Style in Manila.

MANILA, aJn. 1.—Brilliant receptions were held today by Major-General Corbin and Acting Governor Ide. Williams Jennings Bryan received with the latter. Aguinaldo and many other former insurgent officers attended. Next Wednesday Mr. Bryan will leave for the Southern Islands. Captain Moss, General Corbin's aide, will accompany him as far as Borneo.

MUST KEEP PROMISES.

Missouri Superintendent of Insurance Will Look After Companies.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 1.—Superintendent of Insurance Vendevors tonight in a statement declares he will hold the insurance companies to their promises to stop the practice of rebating and it is gratifying him to know the Missouri companies have decided to stop the practice of writing special contracts.

WERE NOT WEDDED.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—The announcement Friday, after the frustration of the elopement of Miss Wilhelmina Busch, daughter of Adolphus Busch and Lieutenant Sharrer of Stuttgart, Germany, that they would be quietly married today, was not carried out. Instead Miss Busch went to the home of her brother on Grant Farm, and her father asserted there was no engagement between them. An air of mystery seems to pervade the affair.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ASSEMBLY.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 1.—The seventy-seventh general assembly convened today. The house is being organized by Republicans who have sixty-two votes to the Democrats fifty-nine, and the Senate by Democrats who have nineteen votes, counting one independent, to eighteen Republicans.

ELECTIONS NEAR

English People In Midst of Warm Campaign.

MANY SPEECHES ARE MADE

Balfour Speaks Sunday at Leamington on the Chinese Labor Problem and Joseph Chamberlain Speaks to Large Audience on the Fiscal Question.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Owing to the brief period before the elections, the campaign is now opened in deadly earnest and speeches and manifestos follow each other with the utmost profusion. Balfour in a speech Sunday at Leamington devoted his entire time to the Chinese labor problem and Joseph Chamberlain to the fiscal question. Conservative papers this morning appear pleased at the moderation of Chamberlain's manifesto and appear relieved that it reveals no hostility toward Balfour. They note as a chief point of difference, that Balfour gives first place to retaliation while Chamberlain places colonial affairs in the front.

CITRUS CROPS THREATENED.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—The unusual cold has threatened the citrus crops. The mercury is forty-five degrees above and is gradually growing lower. A high wind prevails which has so far prevented frost.

TWO MEN KILLED.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Two men were killed and several injured in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Big Four, four miles west of Columbus tonight. It is said the wreck was due to the confusion of orders, but the responsibility is not clearly fixed.

PRISONER ASKS COURT FOR FIVE YEARS SENTENCE

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 1.—E. L. Kelso, under eight months sentence at the county jail for obtaining money under false pretences asks that his sentence be extended to five years because he fears when released he will do violence to those who prosecuted him. He claims the victim misunderstood the circum-

SPEAKERSHIP CONTEST

New York State Republicans Fight Hard.

FORCES ABOUT EQUAL

Contest For Nomination For Speaker of Assembly Grows Warmer.

SECRET OR OPEN BALLOT

Vote Will be Taken on Whether Members Shall Vote For Speaker in Secret Ballot or Open—Result Depends on This Decision.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The test of strength in the Republican caucus tomorrow will probably not be taken directly in a vote upon candidates for the nomination of speaker of the assembly, but on the question whether the vote for the speakership nomination shall be taken secret. The forces of both sides have now concentrated on that single point. It's importance is evidenced in the light of the fact that pledges hitherto made have reference only to the support of this candidate or that. The issue of a secret ballot sprang into existence late today and visibly disturbed all comparative certainties supposed to exist. Leaders of the Wadsworth movement admit if they cannot prevent a secret ballot they cannot secure Wadsworth's nomination. On the other hand Merritt's adherents have changed their previous tactics of claiming they could defeat Wadsworth even if they could not elect Merritt and have begun claiming certain votes enough to secure a secret ballot. At last accounts the best informed observers on both sides agreed on open ballot roll call, under existing conditions would elect Wadsworth.

BREAKS FOUR RECORDS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—H. J. Handy of the Central Y. M. C. A. today broke four American swimming records, the 330 yards, time 4:25 2-5; 550 yards, time 7:47 3-5; 600 yards, time 9:30 1-5; and the 770 yards, time 11:12 4-5.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

Chehalis Whistles For Aid Off Cape Flattery.

VICTORIA, Jan. 1.—The steamer Chehalis was reported in distress off Cape Flattery at 5:30 p. m. The steamer is signalling for a tug. The weather is calm, and there is little sea.

Two tugs were sent to her assistance from Port Townsend and she is now being towed up the straits. The telegraph office at Crescent City is closed and a news is obtainable concerning the nature of the mishap. No alarm for her safety is felt.